

Search for Funding Opportunities

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The Michigan Department of Education understands that educators, youth directors, and parent-teacher organizations must sometimes subsidize activities and projects with support from external resources. Our goal is to provide links to the best information to help you in your search for funding and support.

The following sites contain information about funding sources for educational and youth-related activities, are searchable, free or low charge, and open to the public. MDE does not maintain these sites and is not responsible for the content or accuracy of the information.

Education Grants and Fundraising Directories

[GrantsAlert.com](#)

Current listing of educational grants with the goal of helping teachers, principals, counselors, coaches, parents and school district staff find and secure the local, state, federal, corporate and private resources that are available to help them to educate children. Also lists fundraising ideas and connections to grant writers and writing resources.

[GetEdFunding](#)

This is a free grant finding resource for educators and educational institutions. The website hosts a collection of thousands of grants and opportunities culled from federal, state, regional and community sources and is available to public and private, preK–12 schools, districts and educators, higher education institutions, and nonprofit organizations that work with them.

[Grants for Nonprofits: Education](#)

Michigan State University provides a compilation of web pages, electronic resources, and books from their libraries for schools and nonprofit organizations seeking funding opportunities related to education.

[Grants for Teachers at TeachersCount](#)

A listing of grant opportunities by subject for teachers.

[Grant Opportunities List at NEA Foundation](#)

Multiple sources of funding opportunities, listed in alphabetical order.

[eSchool News online](#)

This online version of a monthly newspaper contains a grants section with regularly updated grant, scholarship, professional development, and other funding opportunities for both educators and students.

[Fundsnet Education and Literacy Grants](#)

A collection of web links by FundsNet.

[Education RFPs Posted by the Foundation Center Philanthropy News Digest](#)

Each Request for Proposal listing provides a brief overview of a current funding opportunity offered by a foundation or other grantmaking organization.

[Education RFPs for Grants](#)

[Grants for Children/Youth](#)

[Higher Education](#)

[Education World Grants Center](#)

Provides a compilation of grant writing articles and tips.

Online Fundraising

[Donorschoose.org](#)

This is an online charity that makes it easy for anyone to help students in need. Public school teachers from every corner of America post classroom project requests, and donors give any amount to the project that most inspires

them. Supporters have brought teachers' ideas to life in more than half of all U.S. public schools. About 15% of each project is used for the website's administrative costs.

[Adopt A Classroom](#)

Adopt-A-Classroom invites the community into the classroom in support of teachers and their students. By adopting a classroom, donors form partnerships with specific classrooms providing financial and moral support. The result is a meaningful contribution to education in which donors experience the impact of their efforts and celebrate in a classroom's success.

[Classwish](#)

Classwish allows teachers and others in education to create Wish Lists of needed educational supplies and allows individuals to give to specific schools or teachers.

Corporate Fundraising Offers

[Kroger Community Rewards Program](#)

Kroger is committed to helping our communities grow and prosper. Year after year, local schools, churches and other nonprofit organizations receive dollars through Kroger Community Rewards.

[Meijer Community Rewards Program](#)

Meijer Community Rewards was developed to support k-12 schools and religious groups in ways that don't stretch their budget or their time.

[General Mills: Box Tops for Education](#)

Box Tops for Education has donated over \$90 million to our nation's schools since 1996, helping them earn the cash they need through easy, everyday activities.

[Campbell's: Labels for Education](#)

The Campbell's, Inc. Labels for Education Program gives schools free educational equipment in exchange for labels from Campbell products. Maximum award: varies. Eligibility: Schools or parents coordinate label drives to raise resources for schools.

Community Foundations

[Michigan Community Foundations](#)

Community foundations are charitable organizations that may administer a number of funds primarily for local purposes, to solve community or regional problems and improve the lives of people in their geographic area. Community foundations often serve the youth-directed activities with small grants provided by a Youth Action Committee (YAC). Select your location to find the community foundation that serves your area.

Private Foundations Search Sites

[Top 50 FC 1000 Foundations Awarding Grants to Recipients in Michigan, for Education, 2012](#)

Page down to see a list of the top funders. Source: Foundation Stats, 2014, courtesy of the Foundation Center.

[FundsNet Foundation Directory](#)

A collection of web links by FundsNet.

[Foundation Center – Search Grantmakers](#)

This foundation database includes a free field that allows you to name a grantmaker to learn a foundation's full name, location, total assets, and total giving.

Council of Michigan Foundations (CMF) - Free Publications:

[Information for Seeking Foundation and Corporate Grants](#): This is a "how-to" booklet containing tools and selected sample grants by eight broad grantmaking categories to highlight the diversity and breadth of giving by Michigan funders. Includes information and data on Michigan foundations and corporate giving programs along with helpful

tips on researching, applying and getting grants. Includes the Common Grant Application Form & Common Report Form.

[Common Grant Application Form](#): Common grant application form developed to facilitate the application process for grantmakers and grantseekers. Includes sample cover sheet, suggested application and grant budget formats.

[Common Report Form](#): Common grant report form developed to facilitate the reporting process for grantmakers and grantseekers.

State of Michigan Grants

Search for grant opportunities through the [Michigan Electronic Grants Administration and Management System Portal \(EGrAMS\)](#).

[Michigan Department of Education](#): Grants administered by MDE that are eligible to schools districts in Michigan.

Federal Grants

[ED.gov Forecast of Funding Opportunities](#)

This site lists all programs and competitions under which the U.S. Department of Education has invited or expects to invite applications for new awards and provides actual or estimated deadline dates for the transmittal of applications under these programs, as well as links to grant notices and program contact people.

[Grants.gov](#)

The mission of the grants.gov website is to provide a common website for federal agencies to post discretionary funding opportunities and for grantees to find and apply to them.

Nonprofit Sector

[Volunteer Centers of Michigan](#)

Volunteer Centers of Michigan is a statewide network of 28 Volunteer Centers serving 55 Michigan counties that mobilize people and resources to deliver creative solutions to community problems. Through the convening of organizations, the promotion of community service, and the matching of volunteers to nonprofit programs and events, Volunteer Centers take a leadership role in addressing key community issues. Some regions include a list of nonprofit partner organizations.

[Team Depot from Home Depot](#)

The Home Depot donates millions of hours, tools and supplies each year to community service projects. Every The Home Depot retail store in the U.S., Canada and Mexico has a Team Depot program and Team Depot volunteers. Projects are led by Team Depot Captains (trained volunteer leaders).

[Capital Area United Way - Volunteer Center Partner Organizations](#)

A list of nonprofit organizations in the Lansing region that can be sorted by alphabetical name, city, or impact area.

[GreatNonprofits](#)

Nonprofits and schools often create partnerships to achieve mutually beneficial outcomes. This website allows people to find, review, and share information about nonprofits and charities. Find a local nonprofit or charity that can help you.

[Guidestar](#)

This web service gathers and disseminates information about every single IRS-registered nonprofit organization, including each nonprofit's mission, legitimacy, impact, reputation, finances, programs, transparency, and governance. Registration is free.

[Accessing Forms 990](#)

IRS Form 990 provides the public with financial information about a nonprofit organization, as well as disclosures on corporate governance and boards of directors. The Form 990 may sometimes list grants and gifts from the organization. All nonprofit organizations with annual incomes of more than \$25,000 must file a Form 990. This

includes grant-making nonprofit organizations. Most faith-based organizations of any size are not required to file a Form 990. Free to those registered to Guidestar.

Scholarships and Grants

[Student Financial Services Bureau](#)

The state of Michigan has been providing scholarships and grants to Michigan students since 1964 and has helped over three million students with roughly \$4 billion in financial assistance to achieve their higher educational goals.

[Grants for Individuals – Education](#)

Michigan State University provides a compilation of opportunities for scholarships, fellowships, and grants for individuals seeking funding for learning opportunities.

[EducationMoney.com](#)

A compilation of federal scholarships and grants available to students, teachers and educational institutions. (slow to load)

[FastWeb](#)

The largest online scholarship search available, with 1.3 million scholarships representing over three billion in scholarship dollars. Provides students with accurate, regularly updated information on scholarships, grants, and financial aid suited to their goals and qualifications at no cost.

[Foundation for Rural Education and Development](#)

The mission of the Foundation for Rural Education and Development, a charitable foundation affiliated with the Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies (OPASTCO), is to promote activities that improve rural educational, social, and economic conditions. Grants, awards and scholarships are provided to rural students, residents and communities in OPASTCO members' service areas.

[Fundsnet Scholarships and Financial Aid](#)

A collection of web links by FundsNet.

Professional Development

Professional Development Opportunities for Teachers in Michigan

[Central Michigan University](#)

[Eastern Michigan University](#)

[Marygrove College](#)

[Mathematics and Science Centers Network](#)

[Michigan Adult Education](#)

[Michigan LearnPort](#)

[Michigan State University](#)

[Michigan Teacher Corps](#)

[Michigan Tech](#)

[Music Teachers](#)

[Northern Michigan University](#)

[Online Professional Learning Board](#)

[REMC Association of Michigan](#)

[University of Michigan -Flint](#)

[Upper Peninsula Center for Educational Development](#)

[Wayne RESA](#)

[Western Michigan University](#)

[Professional Development Online Sources and Funding Sources](#)

Michigan Department of Education provides a list of Professional Development Online Sources and Professional Development Funding Sources Available to Districts through Formula Grants and IDEA, as well as Professional Learning Grants.

[Fund for Teachers](#)

The Fund for Teachers provides grants of up to \$5,000 to classroom teachers with a minimum of three years of experience, so that they may participate in training and enriching activities that will improve and enhance their skills as teachers. Grants will be made solely to fund participation by grant recipients in summer professional and personal development activities. Applicants must be employed as a public or private teacher in K-12th grade at the time grants are approved and made.

Discounted Supplies for Educators

[Science Teaching Experiments from the Charles Edison Fund](#)

Kits containing Science Teaching Experiments are available in electronic format. You can download them, print them out, and copy them for your students. We simply ask that you register using a simple registration form before downloading the files, and that you fill out a "report card" after evaluating or using an experiment so that the Fund can measure the effectiveness of the Science Teaching Experiment program.

[Operation Kids Equip](#) – School Supply Program

This program provides educators with supplemental school supplies to give to students who need them in the classroom, or to complete homework assignments. The Operation Kid Equip program is open to teachers from public schools and nonprofit charter schools in Macomb, Oakland and Wayne Counties for specific schools.

[Reading Resource Project from Literacy Empowerment Foundation \(LEF\)](#)

The Reading Resource Project is an ongoing program that runs throughout the year. The program distributes softcover books FREE of charge for literacy programs. Any literacy based effort qualifies for these books. Reading levels are available for Pre-K through Second Grade. Reading Resource Project books come in sets of 100 books per set. Recipients pay shipping, handling, and administrative costs (78.00 per set). Each 100 book set consists of at least 10 different titles. Reading Resource Project books are available in a limited quantity on a first come, first served basis. Most sets are shipped within 2 weeks.

[MFEfamily Free Book Program](#)

This program provides free books for all Michigan kids. There are no income qualifications to receive free books. The only cost is shipping and a small handling fee. This program is open to families, homeschoolers, private schools, community/youth groups, nonprofits organizations. Please note that public and charter school teachers are not eligible to participate in this program.

[Office Depot / OfficeMax: Rewards Program](#)

Purchase the products you use most like paper, ink & toner, and you'll get 10% back in rewards every day. Turn in empty ink and toner cartridges as more ways to get rewarded. Membership is free.

[National Association for the Exchange of Industrial Resources](#)

Collects donations of overstocked and discontinued merchandise from businesses and redistributes them to schools and non-profit groups. Office supplies, art supplies, science supplies, industrial supplies, furnishings, clothes, personal care items, toys, electronics, books, etc. [View products currently available](#). Teachers must [register](#) for free to participate. Merchandise is free or low cost but a Premier membership (\$595/year) is required for some items.

[Posters from "Behind Every Famous Person is a Fabulous Teacher" campaign](#)

Each season, a total of 400,000 posters are printed, 100,000 copies for each of the four celebrities pictured with their favorite teacher. The posters are absolutely free.